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Briefs . . .

Women's Equality Day

Fort Sam Houston will sponsor a Women's Equality Day event called "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote" Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The guest speaker will be retired Sgt. Maj. Kasha Zilka. Tickets are \$12 and include lunch. For more information, contact a unit equal opportunity adviser or call Master Sgt. Michael Boehringer, installation EOA, at 221-9276 or 336-4993.

BAMC Women's Equality Day

Brooke Army Medical Center will honor Women's Equality Day Friday. Special guest Capt. Maria Doucettperry, BAMC Judge Advocate General, will speak from 12 to 1 p.m. in the fourth floor BAMC auditorium. Enjoy informational exhibits and film presentations in the BAMC medical mall from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Isaac Day at 916-5991.

IG session

A Medical Command Inspector General team will conduct an Inspector General Action Request session Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, on Stanley Road. People will have the opportunity to share information regarding morale, efficiency, economy, discipline, training and readiness matters with a MEDCOM IG. Sessions are on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call Master Sgt. Adolphus McCree at 221-1461.

Newcomers' Extravaganza

The Newcomers' Extravaganza will be Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, on Stanley Road. The event is mandatory for permanent party in-processing Soldiers, lieutenant colonel and below, within 60 days of their arrival. Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to give Soldiers and civilian employees administrative time to attend. Children are welcome. For more information, call the Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program at 221-2705 or 221-2418.

AECP ceremony

There will be an Army Medical Department Enlisted Commissioning Program commissioning ceremony Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. at Blesse Auditorium. The program offers eligible active duty Soldiers the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree in nursing, become a registered nurse and be commissioned in the active Army Nurse Corps. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Charles Bradshaw at (502) 626-0381.

AUSA luncheon

The Association of the U.S. Army will sponsor a luncheon Sept. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The guest speaker will be Col. David A. Rubenstein, assistant surgeon general and deputy chief of staff for force sustainment.

Eye on recruiting

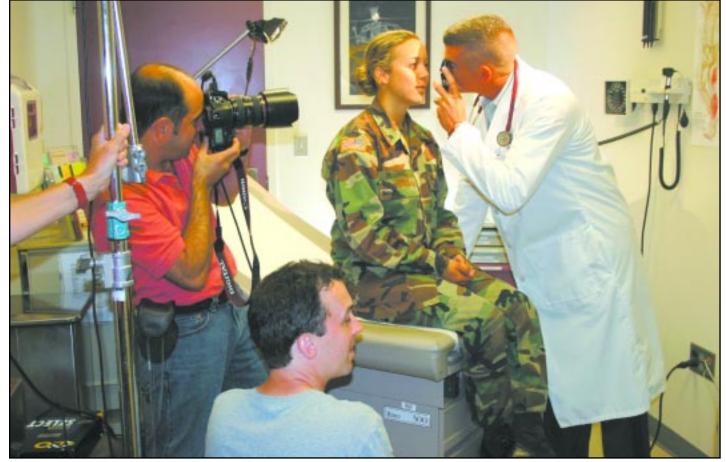


Photo by Esther Garcia

Photographer Jim Krantz and his assistant, Kritsada Panichgul, prepare to take a photo of Lt. Col. Erin Edgar, a family practice physician currently serving as commander for 264th Medical Battalion, performing an examination on a Soldier posing as a patient at McWethy Clinic. The photo shoot was for a national media campaign sponsored by United States Army Accession Command, advertising the military medical professions. See related story, Page 6.

Central call center handles medical appointments citywide

By Scott Graham

San Antonio Consult and Appointment Management Office

Patients looking for a primary care appointment at any of the military medical facilities in San Antonio now have only one number to remember to call for an appointment – 916-9900.

The San Antonio Consult and Appointment Management Office officially opened Monday with a ceremony at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Cutting the ribbon at the grand opening were Maj. Gen. Bruce Green, assistant Air Force surgeon general for health care operations; Brig. Gen. David Young III, senior manager of the San Antonio CAMO and commander of Wilford Hall Medical Center; Col. Carlos Angueira, BAMC's deputy commander for clinical services; and Col. Suzanne Cuda, director of the San Antonio CAMO.

The office consolidates patient appointment functions for all military medical treatment facilities within San Antonio.

Serving more than 230,000 local beneficiaries, the CAMO ensures all medical resources are considered when matching patient needs to available health care services.

Green said the idea to integrate the appointment system for military medicine began 18 months ago when people from Wilford Hall and BAMC came together with a vision to create a single call system

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Academy Bn. assumes proud lineage as 264th Medical Battalion

By Elaine Wilson Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

The Academy Battalion deactivated Aug. 23, then immediately reactivated as the 264th Medical Battalion, continuing a lineage started in 1943.

Maj. Gen. George Weightman, installation commander, and Col. Bradley Freeman, 32nd Medical Brigade commander, presided over the deactivation and reactivation ceremony Tuesday at the MacArthur Parade Field.

The name change is the culmination of a two-year effort that started under Lt. Col.

Randy Anderson, former Academy Battalion commander, Freeman said.

"His tenacious drive enabled us to get this approved after a very lengthy and complex staffing process," he said. "His hard work created the right conditions for the current commander, Lt. Col. Erin Edgar, and his talented staff to complete the arduous process."

The name change was prompted by several catalysts, Freeman said.

"A few years ago, the former chief of staff of the Army encouraged the institutional side of the Army to join the Army's Transformation," he said. "The intent was to become more like the operational side in name, appearance and attitude."

This prompted a change from Class Bs to battle dress uniforms. Also, the battalion's Soldiers now go through the same mandatory training as all Soldiers in the Army, Freeman said. "They maintain their deployability by being fully medically ready in everything from immunizations to current physical exams."

Another reason for the change was to create an affiliation with a lineage, Freeman said.

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Electronic 'spillage' can lead to national security compromise

In the past several months, security officials have seen an increase in the number of inadvertent "spillage" of top secret level classified information on a secret level computer network.

A spillage is an inadvertent exposure of classified military information onto magnetic media that is classified at a lower level, such as top secret spillage onto secret or secret onto unclassified.

Electronic spillage within computer networks must be acted upon with the same aggressiveness as any other compromise of classified information. People can no longer simply "delete" accidentally spilled information from a classified or unclassified medium; therefore, people need to be aware of the correct procedures to ensure the integrity and security of information is maintained.

Commanders and security officers are encouraged to conduct security refresher training regarding the proper handling of classified information. The training should include the spillage procedures outlined in Army Regulations 380-5 and 25-2 and also emphasize the importance of timely reporting and handling of electronic spillages.

Compliance reporting of supplemental training is not required; however, training

should be a priority to prevent further spillage.

Electronic spillage of classified information can have a potentially disastrous impact on national security. In the event of a suspected compromise, command security personnel will start investigative procedures.

It is hard to control what is transmitted from outside computer networks through Fort Sam Houston computer networks; however, the command security office and information technology and telecommunications office need to be notified immediately when it happens.

If spillage occurs, the command securi-

ty office must be notified within 24 hours so the spillage checklist can be filled out as soon as possible for further investigation

For more information, call Frankie Hail, chief, command security, at 221-1906, e-mail frankie.hail@samhouston.army.mil; Marcie Loya at 221-1859, e-mail marcie.loya@samhouston.army.mil; or Sylvester Johnson at 221-2829, e-mail sylvester.johnson@samhouston.army.mil.

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Ethics Training

Ethics training for U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston Garrison units will take place Wednesday and Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. in Blesse Auditorium, Building 2841. The training takes about one hour. The Secretary of the Army requires every Soldier and civil service employee to attend ethics training annually. The staff judge advocate and officials from the AMED-DC&S and post will present the training and maintain sign-in rosters for commanders and supervisors to verify attendance of their employees. People can access the sign-in rosters by opening the Adobe Acrobat Reader and the SJA ethics roster folder on the G drive. For more information, call Gerald Krimbill, Shelby Tanner or Capt. Brian Underdahl at 221-2373 or 221-0485.

U.S. Joint Military Skills Training Center produces winning results

Story and photos by Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson

U.S. Joint Forces Military Skills Training Center Public Affairs

ELSENBORN, Belgium -

"Everything is coming up roses" is a common phrase when things are going good. However, in the case of the 2005 U.S. Military Skills Competition team, everything was coming up silver.

U.S. teams earned the silver medal in three categories including women's team, novice team and overall at the NATO Military Skills Competition in Elsenborn, Belgium. Additionally, one of the men's team took the gold medal for the combined shooting event.

To become members of the U.S. Military Skills Team, candidates must complete the rigorous three-week course offered during the summer at the U.S. Joint Forces Military Skills Training Center at Fort Sam Houston. The top students from that course go on to compete in the NATO competition.

The NATO Military Skills Competition is an annual contest for reserve officers, cadets and midshipmen, consisting of 200-meter rifle marksmanship, 25-meter pistol marksmanship, 500-meter land obstacle course, 50-meter water obstacle course and a 10 to 15-kilometer orienteering course involving advanced land navigation skills. Also included in the competition is combat first aid and Laws of Armed Conflict.

The competition falls under the auspices of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers, formed in 1947 as part of NATO's efforts to further common goals among the NATO allies. A different NATO country hosts the event every year.

This year's competition in East Belgium consisted of 53 three-person teams totaling 159 competitors from 17 countries. Each country can send up to six men's teams and two women's teams, and up to four alternates. The alternates are placed on international teams to compete in that category. The United States had one novice team, two veteran teams and one female team this year, plus three alternates who competed on international teams.

This year's U.S.
Women's Team consisted
of Air Force Capt. Cilla
Peterek, Air Force 2nd Lt.
Christina Luis and Georgia
Army National Guard
Chief Warrant Officer
Joanna Williamson, from
Marietta, Ga.

This was Peterek's second medal in as many years. Last year, Peterek's team won the gold medal, but she wasn't disappointed winning the silver. "We did our best, and that's all that matters," Peterek said.

Naval Reserve Lt.
Cmdr. Grant Staats, Air
Force Reserve Maj. Joel Winton and
Army Reserve Maj. Larry Gnewuch took
the silver medal for overall out of the 53
teams.

Marine Corps Reserve Maj. Daryl Remick, Army Reserve Maj. Mike Zinno and Army Reserve Lt. Col. Clai Gardner took the gold medal for team marksmanship in combined shooting.

"My personal goal, because I knew we could do it, was to win the marksmanship. I knew we had the ability, and we did it," said Remick, from Forsythe, Ga.

The novice team this year consisted of a naval midshipman and two Army ROTC cadets: Navy ROTC midshipman Jake Rankinen from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Cadet Alexander Gray from the Virginia Military Institute and Cadet Christopher Thornton from the Texas A&M ROTC program.

In addition to being on the novice silver

medal team, Gray was the number two rifle shooter out of the 159 competitors who participated in this year's competition.

Harrington, also a rookie, was on one of the international teams with German and Belgian competitors

"It was a challenging experience, a worthwhile relationship that pulled out nicely in the end, said Harrington. Harrington's international team landed in a close second place.

Air Force Reserve 1st Lt. Brian Gornick, who plays professional hockey as his civilian profession, and Naval Reserve Capt. Shelly Pennington, also represented the U.S. on international teams.

One aspect of this year's land navigation competition was the consensus that it was a lot more physical than expected. Parts of the 11.5-kilometer course, for example, went through the internal workings of a dam, and then included climbing back up the spillway, up a hill, then climbing a 100-foot tower for a "slide for life" to the bottom.

"This was one of the most



(From left) Novice team Navy ROTC midshipman Jake Rankinen, Virginia Military Institute Cadet Alexander Gray and Texas A&M Cadet Chris Thornton dive into the water at the start of the water obstacle during the NATO Military Skills Competition in Elsenborn, Belgium. All rising sophomores, the novice team took the silver medal for their category.



Georgia Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer Joanna Williamson, followed by U.S. Air Force Capt. Cilla Peterek, maneuver under the low crawl obstacle during the land obstacle course at the NATO Military Skills Competition. The U.S. women's team took home the silver medal for the female category.

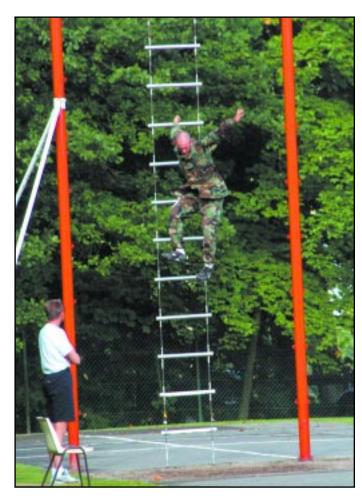
physically demanding competitions I've ever been a part of," said Gnewuch, a U.S. Military Academy graduate and former team captain of the West Point basketball team.

Bringing NATO countries together in competition is one of the goals of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers, something that is not lost on members of the U.S. teams.

"It's been an amazing competition," said Harrington. "I've learned a lot about NATO, and myself."

Upon their return, the officers will serve as resident expert instructors to increase the readiness of their units.

For more information, go to the USJFM-STC Web site at www.uscior.army.mil.



Virginia Military Institute Cadet Brandon Harrington drops from a ladder halfway through the land obstacle course at the NATO Military Skills Competition.



Texas A&M ROTC Cadet Chris Thornton slides down the "slide for life" part way through the orienteering course at the NATO Military Skills Competition in Elsenborn, Belgium. The tower and rope slide came after a climb down to the bottom of a dam, up a spillway, then up a hill to the tower.

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Richardson accepts stole, becomes new installation chaplain

Story and photo by Esther Garcia Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

Chaplain (Col.) Gilley G. Richardson became the new installation chaplain when he accepted the Chaplain's Stole at the change of pastoral stole and installation service Tuesday at the Main Post Chapel.

The changing of the stole is similar to a change of command. Outgoing Chaplain (Col.) Edward Maney relinquished his duties as the installation chaplain when he turned over the Chaplain's Stole to Maj. Gen. George Weightman, commander, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, who in turn passed the stole to Richardson.

The main post chapel filled with families, friends and members of the Buffalo Soldiers Association to worship one last time with Maney and welcome the new installation chaplain. In 1996, Maney was inducted as a Life Member to the Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association, known as the Buffalo Soldiers Association.

"It is good to be in this place

today at this time of my life," said Maney.

Maney acknowledged the commands for their support and thanked his family for making him the person he is today.

"Since the year I have known Chaplain Maney, he has been largely characterized by his professional level, strong faith, and he brought leadership to the job. There is no question who is in charge when he walks into a room," said Weightman.

The ceremony included special music by Claytie Bonds who performed "My Eyes have seen the Glory" and "You are the Wind Beneath My Wings."

Richardson said he hoped to work closely with the commands at Fort Sam Houston.

Richardson was born the youngest of four children in a Presbyterian minister's home in Hillsboro, Texas. He spent his childhood in San Antonio and Lake Charles, La. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1972, Richardson served with an infantry division at Fort Lewis, Wash., and later served with the 3rd Armored Division in Germany. Richardson



Outgoing Chaplain (Col.) Edward Maney congratulates Chaplain (Col.) Gilley Richardson on his appointment as the new installation chaplain at the change of stole ceremony Tuesday at the main post chapel.

later resigned, answering the call to ministry.

He attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, graduating in 1986. In 1987, Richardson entered the Army as a chaplain. He served in a variety of assignments to include chaplain of the 4th Infantry Division (Mech.), Fort Hood, Texas, and Tikrit, Iraq. Richardson's last assignment was as deputy staff chaplain for Fifth U.S. Army. Richardson is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church.



Chaplain's Stole

The Chaplain's Stole has roots in the prayer shawl worn among the ancient Hebrews and in the stola worn by magistrates in ancient Rome. Today's stole represents the office of the chaplain. Hanging loosely around the chaplain's neck and worn without headgear, the stole is worn in garrison chapels, in field settings and on the battlefield. A sign of authority, the stole symbolizes God's divine presence. The chaplain wears his stole in the formal setting to celebrate the joys of life and the occasions of grief; marking rituals of loss and the honoring of the dead.

Call center-

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"This collaborative effort optimizes Army and Air Force health care resources in San Antonio to facilitate patients receiving the best care possible, while also supporting critical graduate medical education programs," Green said.

The San Antonio CAMO works to find specialty and referral appointments across the market to gain efficiencies and save resources before purchasing care outside the military direct care system. The CAMO serves as a conduit for all consults sent to or received from the civilian network for eligible beneficiaries, then carefully monitors those consults to ensure appointment results are completed and sent to the originating provider.

"Merging resources, establishing processes and meeting the demands of the complicated San Antonio military health care system has been a challenge, but is a priority essential to meet military missions and conserve resources," said Young.



Photo by Diane Martinez

The San Antonio Consult and Appointment Management Office officially opens Monday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Joining in the opening are Scott Graham, director San Antonio CAMO; Maj. Gen. Bruce Green, Assistant Air orce Surgeon General for Health Care Operations; Col. Suzanne Cuda, director of the SA CAMO; Col. Carlos Angueira, BAMC's deputy commander for clinical services; and Brig. Gen. David Young III, senior manager of the San Antonio CAMO and commander of Wilford Hall Medical Center.

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"The Army is an organization built on traditions and treasures our lineage and honors," he said. "Every time a Soldier looks at the lineage, reviews the history for a promotion board or looks at the battalion colors, he will see the accomplishments of those that fought under that same battalion name."

When looking for a numbered unit to call its own, the battalion set its sights on the 264th, a unit with distinguished action in the Pacific theater.

"The 187th and 232nd were units that saw action in the European theater under General Eisenhower," said Sgt. 1st Class David Falk, from 264th Med. Bn. "We wanted to find one from the Pacific theater to provide diversity; one with an exceptionally honorable lineage."

The Academy Battalion found the 264th Med. Bn., which seemed to fit the bill with its service in the Pacific and lengthy list of accomplishments.

The 264th activated Feb. 1, 1943, at Fort Devens, Mass., when the 4th Engineer Amphibian Brigade, its parent unit, activated. It prepared for deployment

through April 1944, when its members boarded transports bound for New Guinea. The battalion's A, B and C companies set up hospitals throughout key locations in the Philippines and Japan during the war and provided medical support from various locations.

For its service in the Pacific, the battalion earned a Meritorious Unit Commendation and a Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. The entire battalion received credit for the Luzon Campaign. Its companies also received individual honors.

On Jan. 31, 1946, the battalion was officially disestablished — until this week.

"Redesignating the 264th Medical Battalion honors the accomplishments of our Army in the Pacific theater 60 years ago," Freeman said.

The 264th Med. Bn. will continue to carry out the Academy Bn. mission, which is to provide instruction, support and doctrine development to the U.S. Army's Medical Department. The 264th Med. Bn. comprises A, B, C and E companies and the U.S. Army Medical Department Command Band.



Photo by Elaine Wilson

The 264th Medical Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Cornell Richardson furls the Academy Battalion color during the deactivation and reactivation ceremony Aug. 23 at the MacArthur Parade Field.

"There is no other unit in the Army Medical Department Center and School with the same scope of responsibility," Weightman said. "Its Soldiers help train 25,000 students per year and teach 267 classes with 15 different specialties.

Twenty of its Soldiers are deployed. The battalion is a pinnacle of excellence.

"We should never forget the battalion's true legacy – which is putting forth combat medics to care for this nation's sons and daughters," he added.

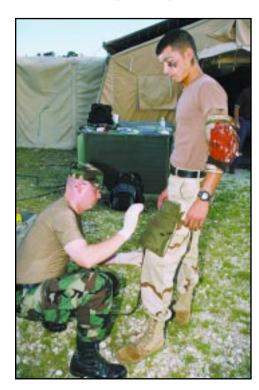
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Fort Sam Houston selected for national media campaign

Story and photos by Esther Garcia Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Fort Sam Houston, known as "Home of Army Medicine," was recently selected to be part of a national media campaign sponsored by United States Army Accessions Command to advertise military medical professions.

"We picked Fort Sam Houston and Brooke Army Medical Center for our Army Medical Department photo shoot



Staff Sgt. Joseph Reid, G Company, 232nd Medical Battalion, prepares Sgt. Joshua Garcia, C Company, 264th Medical Battalion, as a simulated casualty for the medical evacuation photo shoot at Camp Bullis.

because we needed a variety of personnel representing all six Army Medical Department corps, which included the Veterinary and Dental Corps," said Diane Skulas, Accessions Command Program manager. "We also needed a variety of environments from the high tech milieu of the Army Medical Department Center and School and Brooke Army Medical Center to the field environment at Camp Bullis."

Skulas said the photos will be used to update AMEDD recruitment advertising materials; primarily the brochures and the Web materials that are produced to provide information to health care professionals and students interested in serving in the Army or Army Reserve. The photos also will be used to update convention exhibits.

"We have a very robust national convention program," said Skulas. "As you can imagine, it is important that the convention exhibits are as professional and informative as possible. Accessions Command and our contracted advertising agency had originally planned a rather ambitious schedule of five photos a day. Each photo was choreographed to be visually interesting, technically accurate and achieve the goal that was selected for it."

According to Skulas, some of the participants in the photo shoot went to great lengths to obtain new ACUs (Army combat uniforms) so that "we could have the most up-to-date photos possible." "We took unplanned portrait shots of the personnel in ACUs because we will definitely need those photos."

First Lt. James Geddie, Chief Warrant Officer James Frederick, Staff Sgt. Richard Miller and Sgt. Richard Goodwin, assigned to C Company, 2nd-4th Aviation,



An HH60 Blackhawk and crew from C Company, 2nd-4th Aviation, 4th Infantry Division, flew in from Fort Hood, Texas, to participate during the medical evacuation photo shoot Friday at Camp Bullis. Photographers Jim Krantz and Kritsada Panichgul took numerous photos of the Soldiers, assigned to Fort Sam Houston, depicting a medical evacuation. U.S. Army Accessions Command will use the photos to advertise the military medical professions.

4th Infantry Division, and crew members for the HH60 Blackhawk, were especially flown in from Fort Hood, Texas, to support the medical evacuation photo shoot Friday at Camp Bullis.

"It is brand new, only 100 hours old. We just had it delivered from New Jersey," said Geddie. "The helicopter is one of six with this new style. Some new additions includes on-board oxygen, a more powerful engine, ballistic protection and a cockpit airbag system."

Supporting the photo shoot during the medical evacuation part of the photo shoot

at Camp Bullis were Lt. Col. Mary Miles, Dr. (Capt.) Christopher McNeil, Command Sgt. Maj. Cornell Richardson, Sgt. 1st Class Todd Gillman, Staff Sgt. Joseph Reid, Sgt. Joshua Garcia, Sgt. 1st Class Sergio Barrera, Sgt. 1st Class Joey Wrinkle, Staff Sgt. Virginia Newton, Staff Sgt. Micaela Reyes, Staff Sgt. Stephanie Hython-Maddox and Maj. Cheryl Cameron, audiologist. Sgt. 1st Class Rajan Robinson, from Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute, provided the state-of-the-art life support for trauma and transport.

Fort Sam Houston unit receives new shoulder sleeve insignia

By Shadi May Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

The 32nd Medical Brigade
Soldiers started displaying their
new unit symbol on their uniforms
Tuesday in conjunction with a ceremony where the brigade's Academy
Battalion was deactivated in line
with the Army Chief of
Staff's transformation and
was reactivated as the
264th Medical

Battalion.

"This official wear date was chosen by the brigade's commander, Col.
Bradley Freeman, to coincide with the historical reactivation of the 264th," said Capt. Matthew Konopa, 32nd Medical Brigade S-1 and adjutant.

The new shoulder sleeve insignia replaces the Medical Command insignia worn by the brigade's Soldiers for more than 13 years.

"In keeping with military tradition, the new shoulder patch better represents our history, our motto and our significant mission," said Konopa.

The insignia's diamond shape signifies courage, and energy of the cadre to educate and direct the troops in the field of health sciences while maroon and white are used as the traditional colors of medical units. The couped cross, the universal symbol for medical care, denotes the brigade's focus on medical service. To pass on the unit's motto: "Keep Up the Fire," the torch refers to guidance and knowl-

ch refers to guidance and knowledge and the brigade's mission of training the troops, and the star symbolizes Texas, the location of the 32nd Medical Brigade.

Formerly the Center Brigade and School, the unit was redesignated as the 32nd Medical Brigade Oct. 1, 2002. Its

mission is to command, control and provide administrative, training and logistical support to all assigned or attached personnel, and most importantly to train tactically and technically proficient Soldiers for war while ensuring they live by the Army values and understand the importance of teamwork and commitment to excellence.

The 187th, 232nd and 264th Medical Battalions fall under the command of the 32nd Medical Brigade. The battalion's decorations include the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation and Streamer embroidered American Theatre.

Housing officials clarify move-out requirements

Fort Sam Houston Family Housing residents with assignment instructions must provide Lincoln Military Housing with written notice of their intent to vacate at least 30 days prior to their departure date.

If residents wish to move out upon expiration of the Family Housing Occupancy Agreement, they must notify LMH in writing 30 days prior to the expiration date. Verbal notice is not sufficient. If permanent change of station orders do not allow for a 30-day notice, service members must also provide a copy of PCS orders. Residents are encouraged to submit the notice to vacate immediately after receiving assignment instructions.

Upon acceptance of notice from the resident, LMH will schedule a pre-inspection walk-through, to be completed by a LMH representative and the sponsor or designated representative. LMH will schedule the pre-inspection walk-through 10 days from the date of the acceptance of notice to vacate.

The original move-in condition form documenting the condition of the home at move-in will be used during the pre-inspection to ensure noted deficiencies are not charged to the resident upon move-out. After the pre-inspection, the resident will be informed of any potential charges that may be assessed if identified damage and repairs are not completed prior to move-out.

The resident is financially responsible for damages to the home beyond normal wear and tear. Residents should immediately report all losses or damages affecting their home or community to "Lincoln at Your Service" at (888) 578-4141. The resident will be liable for repair of all damages caused by negligence.



Residents will be given a list of the minimum cleaning standards and are responsible for ensuring their home meets the standards. If a home has been scheduled for renovation or demolition, LMH will provide modified cleaning requirements.

The move-out date is the date the resident returns issued keys and remotes to an LMH representative. Personal belongings must be removed from the home before the keys are turned in. A final inspection will be conducted with the resident on the last day of occupancy to check for completion of items noted during preinspection and ensure no new damage has occurred.

Damages beyond normal wear and tear identified during the final inspection will be documented in writing and by photograph. The extent of the damage will be detailed and a final accounting of any outstanding damages will be completed. The resident must pay all outstanding balances in full or create a payment plan within seven days of move-out.

For more information, call the Lincoln Military Housing Office at 270-7638.

(Source: Residential Communities Initiative Office)

AAFES brings messages of support 'Back to the Homefront'

DALLAS, Texas – Army and Air Force Exchange Service associates are busy assembling banners from deployed troops as part of the "Patriot Family" campaign's "Back to the Homefront" initiative.

Fifty-five canvas panels, signed by deployed troops in Exchanges throughout Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, were returned to AAFES filled with personal messages and thoughts for family, friends and supporters back home.

Messages from the troops include: "Thanks to everybody who supports us; it means a lot," and "Proud to stand the wall for you; thank you for standing behind us."

Individual panels have been combined to create larger banners, which will travel to Exchanges throughout the world as part of AAFES' "Back to the Homefront" program.

Once assembled, the larger banners represent a diverse mix of troops as each is composed of five individual panels from five different locations within OEF and OIF.

The "Back to the Homefront"

banners will initially be displayed, on a rotating basis, at the following AAFES locations: Fort Lewis, Wash. Fort Riley, Kan. Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Offutt AFB, Neb. Fort Bliss, Texas Fort Campbell, Ky. Fort Carson, Colo. Fort Hood, Texas Lackland AFB, Texas Keesler AFB, Miss. Fort Sam Houston, Texas Eglin AFB, Fla. Fort Belvoir, Va. Fort Bragg, N.C. Fort Stewart, Ga. Fort Benning, Ga. MacDill AFB, Fla. Patrick AFB, Fla. Hickam AFB, Hawaii Elmendorf AFB, Alaska Osan AFB, Korea Schofield Barracks, Hawaii Kadena AFB, Okinawa Camp Foster, Okinawa

The "Back to the Homefront" program will expand to AAFES European locations when additional banners are received.

"Our responsibility to deployed troops goes beyond 55 Exchanges in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom," said AAFES' Vice President of Marketing and Advertising Richard Sheff. "Back to the Homefront' is just another example of AAFES' continued commitment to every member of the military family."

(Source: AAFES)

Use your head . . .

Children on post are required to wear safety helmets when riding a bike, skateboard or scooter.



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National magazine honors special needs program director

Story and photo by Andricka Hammonds Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Kathy McKinney was awarded the Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award Aug. 18 at a Missions baseball pre-game ceremony. The game was designated Disability Awareness Night.

McKinney, the director of special education for Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base and Randolph Air Force Base school districts, was honored for her work with special needs children.

"This is our first time sponsoring Disability Awareness Night," said Bill Gerlt, manager of group sales at Missions Baseball Club. "It is a great way to raise public awareness about disabled people and their needs."

Exceptional Parent Magazine created the award to recognize people who work with the disabled, families and caregivers of the disabled and the disabled themselves. The award is given during professional sporting events, usually baseball games. The purpose of disabilities night is to get the community involved.

"I'm thrilled I was nominated, but it's not about me. Our programs, school districts and the wonderful people who I work with make the mission a success," said McKinney. "I have a great job, I love it. I have all the tools I need to do it, and do it well; that makes a huge difference."

McKinney was nominated because of the passion she has for humanity, according to nominator Kerry Dauphinee, director of the Exceptional Family Member Program. Dauphinee said she fights behind the scenes for the rights of the special needs children and their families and keeps in touch even after the families have moved.

"The uniqueness of special needs children encouraged me to work in the disabilities field," said McKinney. "I wondered what kind of keys one would use to unlock their doors and what ways to work with them to help them become independent."

McKinney has been working with special needs children for more than 30 years. Starting as a teacher, she always felt the call to help children. As a child diabetic, she knew what it was like to be different. She attended a children's diabetic summer camp for five years, and then decided to work as a camp counselor while in high school and college.

"The best part about this camp is knowing there were other kids just like you and learning to take care of yourself and being independent," said McKinney.

In her work, she tries to help children with special needs become independent and get them ready for adulthood. "The right educational start is instrumental in being on a level playing field in society," she said.

"Whenever she walks in the door she is excited about the

work," said Marsha Kinura, teacher assistant for the Military Co-op Academy. "Because she used to be a teacher, she's walked in our shoes, and gives great insight when we are stomped. It's incredible to work for her."

McKinney started working with children with autism before there was a lot of research published. She had the first class in Texas that was specifically for youth with autism. "Every day is different with kids; working with them in the classroom made me want to have a hand in creating a program that would help them lead normal healthy lives," said McKinney.

McKinney said she wants children in her program to have the best possible resources available. Working with parents concerning the program allows her to take her teaching and education one step forward by educating parents who can facilitate the learning at home.

Arranging different services such as occupational therapists, vision teachers and behavior consultants, she spends a lot of time trying to get the right staff to implement programs in a way that nurtures students to reach their potential. Her programs include working closely with Youth Services and the EFMP so special needs children can join



Kathy McKinney, director of special needs education for Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base, and Randolph Air Force Base school districts, teaches ninth grader Owen Griffith, 15, science during a study period. McKinney is the recipient of the Maxwell J. Schliefer Distringuished Service Award for her work with children with special needs.

after-school programs.

After 30 years, McKinney is still dedicating her heart and time to educating children, parents and the community about people with disabilities and their needs. She said the key to her success is, "Always find some time in the day for a laugh. A positive attitude will carry you through a bad day.

"I've been fortunate enough to always work with a supportive administration, a great staff and tremendous families," she said.

With the increase of children with disabilities, McKinney urges teachers in the field to keep up with the latest research. "The field is becoming more complex; to do a good job, a teacher must keep up with what's going on in this discipline to be effective. You owe it to the students and families to stay informed," said McKinney.

She said the right staff is essential when implementing a good program. She tries to nurture her staff with support and confidence in their abilities.

"She always has an ear for a question or concern that we have," said Mike Pittman, lead teacher with the Military Co-op Academy. "The success of the students in this program is a result of her passion for the work. She is the life blood of this place."



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DoD announces one year open enrollment for SBP

Military retirees who opted out of some or all their Survivor Benefit Plan coverage will have another opportunity to elect coverage during a one-year open enrollment period from Oct. 1, 2005, through Sept. 30, 2006, Department of Defense officials said.

Upon a retiree's death, SBP provides an annuity of up to 55 percent of the military retired pay. Until recently, the annuity for a surviving spouse age 62 and older was reduced to 35 percent to reflect the availability of Social Security benefits. This reduction will phase out by April 2008, and the full 55 percent benefit will be paid regardless of the spouse's age in accordance with the fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act.

Current nonparticipants will be able to elect any coverage they could have elected upon retiring from active service or upon receiving notification of eligibility for reserve retired pay at age 60.

If they have a reduced election, they may increase their coverage. A participant with child-only coverage may add a spouse or former spouse to their coverage, and a member may add child coverage to spouse or former spouse coverage.

Those who took SBP coverage and later elected to terminate that coverage are not eligible to make an open enrollment election.

Open enrollment elections require a lump sum buy-in premium as well as future monthly premiums. The lump sum equates to all back premiums, plus interest, from the date of original eligibility to make an election, plus any amount needed to protect the Military Retirement Fund. The latter amount applies almost exclusively to those paying fewer than seven years of back payments.

The lump sum buy-in premium can be paid over a two-year period. Monthly premiums for spouse or former spouse coverage will be 6.5 percent of the coverage elected, the same premium paid by those currently enrolled. Reserve component members under age 60 and not yet eligible for retired pay do not pay back premiums or interest, but must pay a monthly SBP premium "add-on" once their retired pay starts.

Elections are effective the first day of the month after the election is received, but no earlier than Oct. 1. An election is void if the retiree dies in the two years following an election and all premiums are refunded to the designated survivor.

To make an open enrollment election, a retiree must complete and submit a DD Form 2656-9, "Survivor Benefit Plan and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan Open Enrollment Election." The form is available electronically at www.dtic. mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd2656-9.pdf.

For assistance with the form, call the retiree activities office at 221-0981 or 221-0936.

Applicants will be formally notified of their cost and have 30 days from the date of the notice to cancel the election by writing to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service or the reserve component, as applicable.

(Source: DoD News Release)

Calling All Unit Commanders

Do you have new FRG and key personnel in your unit?

Have your FRG leaders and unit liaisons taken Family Readiness Group Training?

When was your last unit ongoing readiness briefing?

OpReady has the information your Soldiers' families need for success in the military.

To schedule your briefings at the unit, Army Community Service or to reserve space in FRG leader training, call Jutta Aviles at 221-0946.

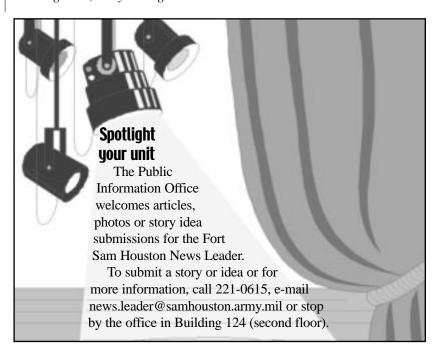
CAREER CLIPS

Associate authorization coordinator, San Antonio — Collect, process and monitor routine to moderately complex claims and health care services data and verify benefits to customers; knowledge of medical terminology and ICD-9 coding.

Admissions coordinator, San Antonio — Establish the initial contact with the potential resident, family member or referral source; obtain and process required information for determining possibility of admission and after determining resident's status; communicate information to the proper referral sources and facility staff.

Tax manager, Seguin — Examine accounts and records and compute taxes owed according to prescribed rates and laws; review international tax returns (examples, European); interact with independent auditors, both from tax and audit areas; advise CFO of effects of business activities on taxes and on strategies for minimizing taxes; ensure that the company complies with periodic tax payment and information reporting.

The Army Career and Alumni Program office provides numerous services to eligible people in transition including job assistance. Information on these and other positions is available to ACAP customers in the ACAP Office, Building 2263, or by calling 221-1213.



Health check

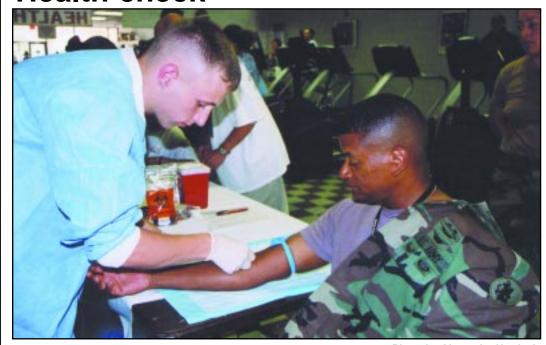


Photo by Alexandra Nordeck

Spc. Chris Black draws Maj. Anthony Cornett's blood to check his cholesterol and blood glucose level Aug. 17 at the Health and Wellness Fair. The health fair is held four times a year at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. For more information, call 221-2020 or visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com.

TRICARE expands benefits to include hearing aids

Active duty family members who meet specific hearing-loss requirements will be eligible to receive hearing aids and associated services and supplies as a TRICARE benefit beginning Sept. 1.

This benefit is extended to active duty family members as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2002. Previously, hearing aids and services were only available to those beneficiaries who were in the Program for Persons with Disabilities.

The fiscal 2002 NDAA provision allows for coverage of a hearing aid to patients diagnosed with a "profound" hearing loss. With the assistance of service physicians and audiologists from both the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs, TRICARE established separate hearing level thresholds for adults and children.

The criteria for an adult to qualify for hearing aids and services include:

- A 40 decibel hearing loss or greater in one or both ears when tested at one of the following frequencies: 500, 1,000, 1,500, 2,000, 3,000 or 4,000 hertz;
- A 26 decibel hearing loss or greater in one or both ears at any three or more of those frequen-

cies (mentioned previously); or

 A speech recognition score of less than 94 percent.

The criteria for children of active duty service members to qualify for hearing aids and services include 26 decibel hearing loss or greater hearing threshold level in one or both ears when tested in one of the following frequency ranges: 500, 1,000, 2,000, 3,000 or 4,000 hertz.

Eligible TRICARE beneficiaries will receive all medically necessary and appropriate services and supplies, including hearing examinations administered by authorized providers required in connection with this benefit.

Eligible beneficiaries who suspect they or a family member may have a hearing loss should schedule an appointment with their primary care manager for an initial examination. The PCM will then refer the beneficiary to an audiologist for any necessary tests.

For more information, visit www.tricare.osd.mil, or call the TRICARE Regional Office North at (877) 874-2273, TRO South at (800) 444-5445, TRO West at (888) 874-9378 or overseas at (888) 777-8343.

(Source: TRICARE news release)

BAMC Health Promotions August Class Schedule

Class Diabetes Management	Dates Monday Tuesday	Time 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.	Place BAMC, Nursing Administration conference room (third floor)
Yoga	Wednesday	12 to 1 p.m.	BAMC, Occupational Therapy Clinic
Learn to Manage Your Child's Asthma Pediatric	Friday	2 to 3:30 p.m.	BAMC, Health Promotions (L31-9V)
Weight Management Winning Combinations	today	8 to 9:30 a.m.	BAMC, Health Promotions (L31-9V)
Breast-feeding Support Group	Friday	1 to 2:30 p.m.	BAMC, OB/GYN conference room (fifth floor)

For more information or to register for a class, call Brooke Army Medical Center Health Promotions at 916-3352. To register for Diabetes Management, call 916-5000.

Post mentor program starts new year, needs volunteers

Along with a new school year, the Fort Sam Houston Community Mentor Program is also beginning. The start date will be celebrated Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the installation chaplain's office, Building 2530 (next to the Burger King).

At the event, counselors and personnel from the partnership schools will speak about their respective school's student population and needs. A free lunch will be offered, and mentors can pick up mentoring supplies, new program information and an application.

Returning mentors, new mentors and people interested in mentoring are invited. The program is open to active duty military, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and family members over age 18.

Volunteer mentors are needed to help students in 18 schools within several school districts including Fort Sam Houston Independent School District and San Antonio ISD. The program is command sponsored and supported by all commands at Fort Sam Houston. As a show of support, commanders allow mentors 60 to 90 minutes of duty time per week, mission permitting, to mentor a child or teen.

Students benefit greatly by having a committed adult mentor, said Brian Merry, mentor program manager. He encourages people to participate since about 200 new mentors must be recruited annually to replace those who have moved or retired.

Soldiers, government employees, family

members, retirees and DoD civilians volunteer to serve as mentors on a one-on-one basis, one hour a week, to students who are in academic and social at-risk situations. They provide positive role models for youth, help promote the Army values of good citizenship, encourage academic success and enhance the student's self-esteem.

The mentor makes a difference in a child's life by providing a caring adult for children who need one. They help a child say yes to school, yes to life and no to drugs, violence and gangs.

The program offers volunteer mentors the flexibility of selecting the school, grade level, ethnic preference and mentoring time. There is a gender match. A one-time, one-hour orientation is required for new mentors before they can be assigned a student. Orientation sessions are Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the installation chaplain's office, Building 2530.

For more information or an application, call Brian Merry or Pfc. Brandon Hittson at 221-5005 or 221-5007, or visit http://cs.amedd.army.mil/chaplain/mentor.

The Fort Sam Houston Community Mentor Program provides mentors for the following schools:

- Artemesia Bowden Elementary School
- Ball Elementary
- Bella Cameron Elementary School
- Booker T. Washington Elementary School
- Elizabeth Tynan Elementary School
- Fort Sam Houston Elementary School
- Fox Tech High School.
- Gates Academy
- Gonzalez Achievement Center
- John J. Pershing Elementary School
- Kelly Elementary School
- Serna Elementary School
- Leon Springs Elementary School
- Phillis Wheatley Middle School
- Robert G Cole Jr./Sr. High School
- Sam Houston High School
- Southwest Prep High School (Source: Fort Sam Houston Community Mentor Program)

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Photo by Esther Garcia

Lt. Col. Patricia Darnauer (back, left), commander, 187th Medical Battalion; Capt. Deon Maxwell (back, right), D Company, 187th Med. Bn. commander; and 1st Sgt. Jessie Hall (far left), D Company, gather with Sgt. William Adcox (in front of Darnauer) and the Soldiers who helped him build a trophy case for their unit.

D Co., 187th Med. Bn. Soldier shows a knack for building

By Esther Garcia Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Sgt. William Adcox has been building things since he was a child. He remembers building a tree house on top of an avocado tree when he lived in Hollywood, Calif.

When he married, his wife once told him they needed a bookshelf, so he built one. Since then he has built more bookshelves, benches, snake cages and computer desks.

His largest piece and biggest accomplishment, he said, was building a trophy case for his unit, D Company, 187th Medical Battalion.

The vision for the project came about when his first sergeant assigned him to acquire a trophy case to display the unit's trophies. The trophies were in the basement collecting dust and needed a home. Instead of finding a case, he decided to build one.

"It took me eight hours just to make a design," said Adcox.

Four and a half months later, he had a finished a product made of Douglas fir with birch hardwood and panels made of poplar. The solid wood trophy case stands just under 6 feet and is more than 8 feet long.

"I had to construct a table that I could mount a skill saw into, in place of a proper table saw," said Adcox. "The 38 mortise and joints were all cut and shaped by hand because the power tools normally needed to do the job were not available."

Lt. Col. Patricia Darnauer, 187th Med. Bn.

commander, presided over the unveiling of the trophy case.

"Look beyond your Soldiers and don't overlook their talents," Darnauer said. "This is above and beyond the call of duty."

"When I built the trophy case, I carved an excerpt from the Sapper Creed into the back of the header board across the top of the case," said Adcox. "I thought it fitting because of the lack of proper tools or 'available assets' in building the case."

The excerpt inscribed into the wood is, "I am a Sapper, the cutting edge of my country's sword. I will always endeavor to complete my Sapper mission, regardless of available assets. Sappers lead the way!"

"Sappers are an elite group of combat engineers," Adcox said. "They are leaders, highly trained in all aspects of mobility, counter mobility and survivability. They are known to be extremely flexible and ingenious in accomplishing seemingly impossible tasks both on and off the battlefield."

Soldiers who volunteered their time on weekends to help build the trophy case include Pfc. John Ankrom; Sgts. Kash Dobson, Jeff Case and Shawne Barnes; Staff Sgt. Steven Morris; and Spcs. Nathan Jones, Andy McGhan, Jesse Burke and Nayes Bradley.

Darnauer and Capt. Deon Maxwell, commander, D Company, 187th Medical Battalion, presented each Soldier with a certificate of appreciation. Adox was presented with an Army Achievement Medal and the battalion commander's coin. Morris also received the commander's coin.

Post Pulse: What is your favorite duty station?



"San Diego, Calif.; the weather is great and there is a lot to do." Navy Cmdr. **Frank Pearson**



"Korea: I enjoyed learning about a different culture."

1st Sgt. Cheryl **Broussard**



"Fort Bragg (N.C.) because I was on jump status" **Sgt. Charles** Rillera



"This is my first duty station. I definitely don't like the heat." Spc. Jessica Homick

TROOP SALUTE

232nd Medical Battalion



Soldier of the Week

Name: Pfc. Ayl Tran

Unit: D Company, 232nd Medical Battalion **MOS:** 91W, health care specialist

Hometown: Sioux City, Iowa Time in service: Eighteen months

Future goals: Complete Airborne School, Ranger School and become a

Reason for enlisting: In order to earn money for college and eventually

enroll into medical school



Junior Leader of the Week

Name: Pfc. Ashley Gill Unit: D Company, 232nd Medical Battalion

MOS: 91W, health care specialist Hometown: Goldsburo, N.C. Time in service: Eighteen months Future goals: Enroll in medical school **Reason for enlisting:** Earn money for college

Latest accomplishment: Being promoted to platoon guide

187th Medical Battalion



Officer of the Week

Name: 2nd Lt. Luke Stewart

MOS: 70B, health services administration Hometown: Lake Placid, N.Y. **Time in service:** Three months

Future goals: To complete a master's degree in environmental science.

Reason for joining: To serve my country

Latest accomplishment: Assisting with the implementation of the Officer-Soldier Mentorship program and recently graduating from Niagara University, N.Y.



Soldier of the Week

Name: Pfc. Isamary Nieves

Unit: B Company

MOS: 91K, medical laboratory specialist Hometown: Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico Time in Service: Eight months

Future goals: Graduate as a medical laboratory specialist and make the military a

career

Reason for enlisting: Having an active part in the fight for freedom and education



SPORTS



Photo by Penny Villalvazo

Participants in the bench press contest pose Aug. 17 after the competition. The contest is held three times a year at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The cost is \$20, and winners receive a trophy for their achievement. For more information, call 221-2020 or visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com.

Bench press results

Placement	Name	Men/Women	Weight category	Best lift
First place	Jennifer Fenti	W	135 B	130
Second place	Debra Chapa	W	135 B	100
_	Stephanie Nelson	W	135 B	100
First place	Veronica McKenzie	W	135 A	155
Second place	Marci N.	W	135 A	145
-	Susana Santillan	W	135 A	130
First place	ZuZu Williams	M	Masters	375
First place	Jermaine Sampayan	M	136 to 150	315
First place	Henry Laures	М	151 to 175	330
Second place	Robert Dowdy	M	151 to 175	285
Third place	Norman Patterson	M	151 to 175	225
First place	Don "ZuZu" Williams	M	176 to 200	375
Second place	Hobart Perry	M	176 to 200	330
Third place	Bruce Leno	M	176 to 200	275
Fourth place	Will Perry	M	176 to 200	270
First place	Larry Fenti	М	201 to 225	475
Second place	Michael Tomikawa	M	201 to 225	435
Third place	Jonathon Lopez	M	201 to 225	370
Fourth place	Jayson Walser	M	201 to 225	315
First place	Andre Gholson	M	226 to 250	530
Second place	Jason Venzant	M	226 to 250	500

Sports Briefs . . .

NCAA football teams invite military to games

The Trinity University Tigers invite service members to attend games this season. The games and parking are free, but parking is limited. See the schedule by visiting the Trinity University football home page at www.trinity.edu/departments/athletics/Football. If an organization would like to present colors or perform another service during a Trinity home game, call Navy Lt. Brian Haack at 221-0434 or e-mail brian.haack@samhouston.army.mil.

Football officials needed

The North America Junior Football Federation is looking for football officials for the upcoming season. For more information, call Charles Scroggins at 221-3185 or 363-1637.

Intramural fall flag football

The registration period for intramural flag football has been extended to Monday. Anyone interested in joining the league should call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

Men's and women's basketball

Coaches and players are needed for the Fort Sam Houston men's and women's basketball teams. Tryouts for players are Sept. 6 to 9. Coaches should send their resumes by Monday to Earl Young, 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Suite 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX, 78234. For more information, call 221-1180 or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

MWR

Recreation and Fitness

3-D archery at Camp Bullis

The next archery shoot is Saturday to Sunday. Check in is from 8 to 10 a.m. The competitive shoot includes 30 3-D animal targets placed at distances ranging from 10 to 40 yards in woodland settings. Awards are given to the top three in each class. Saturday's shoot is \$15, all competitive, and Sunday's shoot is competitive for \$15 or non-competitive for \$10. Minis and cubs shoot free with a paid adult, and a playground is available. It is open to the public. For more information, call 295-7577.

Archery lessons

The Outdoor Equipment Center offers individual and group archery lessons. Instruction is given at the level of experience. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 18. Participants should wear full-covered shoes and not wear oversized shirts or pants. For more information, call the Archery Shop at 221-5225.

Camp Bullis catfish pond

The catfish pond at Camp Bullis is open Saturdays and Sundays from 4 to 8 p.m. The pond is pay-as-you-go. Catfish are \$1.75 per pound, live weight. Catch and release is not authorized. A fishing license is not required, and there is no daily fee. For more information, call 295-7577.

Yoga, pilates teacher needed

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center is looking for an instructor for a beginning yoga and pilates class. Certification is required for this contract position. For more information, call 221-2020.

Free morning aerobics

Free morning aerobics classes at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center are Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 6:45 a.m. in the aerobics room.

Water aerobics

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center pool features water aerobics every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$2 per class or \$24 for a 16-class pass and free to pregnant women and new mothers. For more information, call 221-2020.

Senior fitness

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center aerobics program includes a senior fitness class every Tuesday and Thursday. Participants will learn stretching and some low impact weight-bearing exercises. The cost is \$2 per class or \$24 for a 16-class pass. For more information, call 221-2020.

Salsa and meringue classes

Join the Latin dance craze by learning these popular dances for fun and exercise. Classes are Monday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center aerobics room. The cost is \$2 per class or \$24 for a 16-class pass. For more information, call 221-2020.

Aquatic Center

The Aquatic Center's new schedule is Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lap swimming only and 4 to 8 p.m. for open swim with no slides. Saturdays and Sundays, the center will be open from 12 to 8 p.m. with full operation including slides. For more information, call the Aquatic Center at 221-4887.

AC service

Beat the heat with air conditioning service at the Auto Craft Shop. All AC services are \$30 plus the cost of Freon and a \$2 environmental fee. Visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site at www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com for a \$5 off coupon. For more information, call 221-3962.

MWR car wash

Stop by the Fort Sam Houston Morale, Welfare and Recreation Auto Craft Shop in Building 2410, on the corner of Funston and Schofield Roads, to use one of the two car wash bays. The center also features an automobile vacuum. The hours of operation are Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 221-3962.

Dining and Entertainment

Bowling Center, 221-3683

Join a fall bowling league

New leagues are forming now at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Leagues include men's, mixed, senior ladies' majors, youth and officers' wives. For more information, call the Bowling Center at 221-4740.

Unlimited bowling

There will be unlimited bowling every Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. for \$5.95.

Family bowling day

Every Sunday, adults and children 12 and up pay \$1.75 per game (children under 12 bowl free). Shoe rental is \$1.

Cyber bowl

Cyber bowl is Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per person 12 and up and \$5 per person under 12.

Golf Club, 221-4388

Labor Day Scramble

The Labor Day Scramble is Sept. 5 at 8:30 a.m. There will be a shot-gun start. Form your own two-person team. Members pay \$35 and non-members pay \$60. Fee includes carts, green fees, prizes, lunch and award ceremony.

Pro Shop Labor Day sale

The sale lasts through Sept. 30 and includes shoes, Wilson irons, woods and putters.

Golf lessons

Private customized and personalized instruction are offered at the golf course.

Sam Houston Club, 224-2721 Sunday Brunch

The brunch will be Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$11.95 for members. \$13.95 for non-members, \$6.95 for children ages 7 to 11 and free for children 6 and under. Adults' meals include complimentary champagne.

Bingo

Play bingo every Thursday and Friday; doors open at 5 p.m. and Saturday the doors open at 11 a.m. Youth 10 and older may play when accompanied by an adult. There is a free buffet for all bingo players.

MWR Ticket Office

The ticket office has discount tickets available for various events. Through August, ticket office hours are Tuesdays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed Sundays and Mondays. For more information, call 226-1663 or visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com.

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By Elaine Wilson
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Four female Soldiers from Fort Sam Houston k off their combat boots and let their hair down Aug and 17 for a two-day high-style fashion and beaut makeover sponsored by Good Housekeeping mag

Good Housekeeping editors handpicked the wo from a pool of nearly 100 Soldiers from post who showed up for the magazine's "casting call" Aug. 5.

"We wanted to do the makeovers to honor fem Soldiers everywhere," said Holly Crawford, Good Housekeeping beauty editor. "Although we could pick four, we wanted all Soldiers to know how m we appreciate the sacrifices they make. My only a biggest regret is that we couldn't feature more wo in our story."

The makeover finalists include: Lt. Col. Andre Taliaferro, Medical Command Equal Employment Opportunity program manager; Capt. Ronsetta Hutchison, Brooke Army Medical Center operatin room nurse; 1st Lt. Teresa Nefflen, aide to Maj. G

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Before Sgt. 1st Class Tammy Crawley

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women score Good Housekeeping makeovers

George Weightman, installation commander; and Sgt. 1st Class Tammy Crawley, D Company, 187th Medical

"When I found out I was a finalist, I didn't believe it at first," said Taliaferro, a mother of three. "I signed up on a whim and never thought I'd actually be picked."

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Her disbelief lasted until the night before the makeover when she finally told her husband, Sgt 1st Class William Taliaferro, who is currently deployed. "I never won anything in my life," she said, "I still can't believe it is real."

For Crawley, the makeover offered a rare chance to pamper herself, but "I figured it was still a long shot when I signed up," she said. "Either they really thought I needed a makeover or they saw potential."

Crawford said it was definitely the latter.

"It was very hard to narrow down the Soldiers during our selection process," she said. "All of the women who signed up were beautiful, both on the inside and outside. For these four women, we just saw an opportunity to enhance a beauty that already exists."

The recipients of the makeovers also saw an opportunity — to update their appearance, learn a few beauty tips, and, as Crawley put it, "stretch my fashion boundaries and find something funky.

For the makeovers, Good Housekeeping pulled out all the stops, sending an entourage of photographers and beauty and fashion experts from New York City to the post to deliver "star" treatment to the women.

The first day, the women started off barefaced for "before" photos, then received a new "do" from Sergio's Hair Salon and Spa in San Antonio. On the whirlwind second day, Starley Murray, from Starley Murray and Company, brightened up their minimalist style with makeup donated by Mary Kay, and local retailers Chico's and White House and Black Market offered up cutting-edge fashions.

"The look is definitely different," Taliaferro said. "The makeup colors are a lot brighter than I usually wear. When my husband sees my new look, he's going to say, 'who is that woman and what have you done with my wife.""

Blow-dried, made up, outfitted and beautified, the Soldiers then were asked to strike a pose during photo shoots at the Quadrangle and combat medic statue at the Army Medical Department Museum.

"The women didn't need much. We just gave them a more current look and a little of the pampering they deserve," Crawford said. "We wanted to show female Soldiers they can stay within regulation and still look fresh and modern."

The most drastic change, the Soldiers agreed, was to Nefflen, who went from dark brown, medium-length hair to an edgy short blonde cut.

"I was nervous about the change, but everyone so far likes the look a lot," Nefflen said. "It was fun to be pampered and get so much attention."

In addition to their revamped looks, the women also walked away with a generous bounty: a gift certificate from each of the clothing stores and a year's worth of free skin care from Mary Kay, along with all the makeup they could pocket from the shoot.

"I'm so glad I had the opportunity to do this," Crawley said. "It's important for people to know that there are feminine women in the Army. I hope this provides recognition for strong women in the military everywhere."

The makeover story and photos will appear in the December issue of Good Housekeeping.

Religious Happenings . . .

All-Protestant service

There will be an all-Protestant outdoor service Sept. 18 at 8 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel, with a meal to follow. The service will include worship leaders and choirs from throughout the installation. All Protestant services are cancelled for that day except for those at the Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel and Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel.

PWOC Bible studies

Evening Bible study

Protestant Women of the Chapel will launch an evening Bible study Sept. 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. The evening session will study "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman. For more information, call Tracey Toner at 566-1009 or Cindy Pyo at 566-3249.

Daytime Bible study

The daytime Protestant Women of the Chapel group will meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. The studies for the fall semester include "Thirty Days to Understanding the Bible" by Max Anders, "The Five Love Languages of Children" by Gary Chapman, "Falling in Love with Jesus" by Dee Brestin and Kathy Troccoli, "Bible Book Study—John" by Kristi Robinson, "That the World May Know" by Ray Vanderlaan and Focus on the Family. For more information, call Lois Griffith at 226-1295. Free childcare will be provided at both PWOC studies, and all women from the Fort Sam Houston community are invited to attend. For more information, visit www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain/womensministry.

OCF Bible study

The Officers' Christian Fellowship will study Colossians. The group will meet Friday at 6 p.m. for dinner, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. at 1008 Gorgas Circle (near the old Brooke Army Medical Center). For more information, call Lt. Col. Bob Griffith at 226-1295 or e-mail rgriffith3@satx.rr.com.

Praise band musicians needed

The Fort Sam Houston chapels are starting a new contemporary Protestant worship service. Volunteer Christian musicians are needed, including drummers, lead electric guitarists, keyboard players, bass guitarists and other instrumentalists and vocalists. If interested in attending a jam session for the praise band, call Michelle Taylor at 829-1670 or e-mail michelle.h.taylor@us.army.mil.

POST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Main Post Chapel, Building 2200, 221-2754

Catholic Services:

4:45 to 5:15 p.m. - Confessions -

5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - weekdays **Protestant Services** - Sundays:

8 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

11 a.m. - Traditional Protestant **Jewish Services:** 379-8666 or 493-

Fridays: 8 p.m. - Worship and 8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat

Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721, 221-5010 or 221-5432

Catholic Services - Sundays:

12:30 p.m. - Mass

Protestant Services: 10:30 a.m. - Collective Gospel

Protestant - Sundays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (PWOC) - Wednesdays, child

care is provided.

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel, Building 3600, 916-1105 Catholic Services:

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays 11 a.m. - Mass - Sundays 11 a.m. - Mass - weekdays Protestant Services:

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays Noon - Worship - Wednesdays

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AMEDD Regimental Chapel, Building 1398, 221-4362

Troop Catholic Mass: Sundays: 10 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers

Troop Protestant Gospel Services: Sundays: 11 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde.

Soldiers **Troop Protestant Service:**

Sundays: 9 a.m. - 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers

Samoan Protestant Service:

Sundays: 12:30 p.m.

FSH Mosque, Building 607A, 221-5005 or 221-5007

10:30 a.m. - Children's Religious

Education - Sundays

1:30 p.m. - Jumma - Fridays

7:30 p.m. - Adult Religious Education - Thursdays

Evans Auditorium, 221-5005 or 221-

Mormon Services: 9:30 to 11:30

a.m. - Sundays

Web site: www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain



Play time

Danyel Valdez, 3, plays during her weekly playgroup, Helping Us Grow Securely. The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program—sponsored playgroup meets every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Dodd Field Chapel. HUGS is an interactive weekly playgroup for children up to age 5. For more information or to register, call Evelyn Jackson at 221-0349.

Be safe when running on post

People are prohibited from running on Stanley Road, Dickman Road, Artillery Post Road, Wilson Road, Scott Road, North New Braunfels Road, Harry Wurzbach Road, Schofield Road, Roger Brooke and Binz Engleman.



However, runners may run on sidewalks or on the grass on these roads.

A few running safety tips include:

- If walking or running during hours of darkness, carry a flashlight to shine on the sidewalk in front of you.
- Wear light or reflective clothing; stay out of the roadway and be alert to traffic.
- Carry your own identification: name, address, a friend or relative's telephone number. Make sure your friends or relatives know your favorite running routes.
- Run in familiar areas.
- Avoid unpopulated areas, deserted streets and overgrown trails.
- Don't wear headphones.
- Run against traffic and keep the approaching automobiles in view.
- Wear reflective material if you must run during the hours of darkness. Soldiers running in a formation or individually during limited visibility, to include hours of darkness, will wear reflective vests or belts (worn diagonally from right shoulder to left hip) as part of the PT uniform. Commanders are responsible for ensuring that running formations have adequate visibility while conducting PT formations on Fort Sam Houston.

For more information, call Guadalupe Gomez at 221-3866 or e-mail Guadalupe.Gomez@CEN. AMEDD.ARMY.MIL.

MWR CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Happenings

Before and after school programs

Patrons in need of before and after school care for kindergarten through fifth graders can register for the School Age Services Program. For more information, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Free after school program

Youth Services offers a free after school program for sixth to ninth graders Monday through Friday until 6 p.m. YS will pick up children from the school (either the elementary or the high school). At the Youth Center, they will have a snack, work on homework, participate in clubs and do fun, innovative projects at the 4-H club, photography club and the computer tech club. Youth must be registered with Child and Youth Services for an \$18 annual fee, but there is no cost for the program. For more information, call 221-3502 or 221-4871.

Youth Services volunteers

Youth Services is looking for volunteers to assist with youth programs such as golf, roller hockey, tennis, computers and arts and crafts. Volunteers with typing or filing skills are needed for the administrative office. Parents and teens can also volunteer to help in the concession stands Saturdays during football season. For more information, call the Youth Center at 221-3502.

Football registration

Football registration is ongoing at the Youth Center for youth ages 7 to 12. Registration is Mondays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$65 for the first child and \$60 for the second child. Youth must be registered with Child and Youth Services. A birth certificate and proof of physical are required to

play. For more information, call 221-3502 or 221-5513.

Hail, farewell, birthday celebrations

Hail and farewell and birthday celebrations will be Saturday at 9 p.m. for sixth to 12th graders, with music and pizza. For more information, call the Youth Center at 221-3502.

Cheer registration

Cheer registration for the football season is ongoing at the Youth Center Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for youth ages 5 to 12. The cost for cheerleading is \$50 for the first child and \$45 for the second. All youth must be registered with Child and Youth Services, and a birth certificate and proof of a physical are required to play. Space is limited. For more information, call 221-3502 or 221-5513.

Ultimate Journey Club

The Ultimate Journey Club will meet Tuesday at 4 p.m. This environmentally savvy group will be making plans for the school year. The club welcomes new members.

Cooking classes

The Youth Center offers cooking classes every Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 221-3502.

Crafts class

There will be an arts and crafts class to make beaded key lanyards Monday from 4 to 5 p.m.

IMPACT recreation

The IMPACT Recreation Group will sponsor a basketball recreation program Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon at School Age Services, Building 1705, for families with special needs youth registered with Child and Youth Services. Parents with

special needs youth must stay and participate. For more information, call Robin at 497-6310.

Youth horsemanship camp

Students ages 7 through 18 can learn proper riding forms as well as a variety of horse care techniques during any of the eight five-day sessions available through August. The cost is \$175. For registration information, call 224-7207.

Parent News

PAC meeting

The next Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center, 2530 Funtston. Lunch will be provided. This is CYS parents' opportunity to learn about upcoming events, meet staff and address concerns.

Part day preschool program

Patrons interested in the part day preschool program at the Child Development Center can contact Central Registration to register at 221-4871 or 221-1723. This program will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Fees are based on total family income.

Home-based child care

Family Child Care offers home-based child care for ages 4 weeks to 12 years on and off post with certified providers. FCC offers full day, part day, before and after school care, hourly care, extended hourly care and long term care. For referral information or child registration, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

FCC providers

Family Child Care is looking for family members interested in becoming certified FCC providers. There is a no-cost startup plan. For more information, call 221-3820 or 221-3828.

Check wait list

Patrons on the full-time day care wait list at the Child Development Center should check their status on the wait list to avoid losing status. To check status, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

SCHOOL NEWS

Junior ROTC cadets help provide proper burial for homeless vets

By Cadet 2nd Lt. Xiomara Martinez
Battalion Public Affairs Officer

Leonard Callis and Pat Edgar Graves, both U.S. Air Force veterans, were interred in back-to-back ceremonies Aug. 17 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

An Air Force Military Honors Guard, a half-dozen representatives and chaplain from local veterans' organizations, and seven Junior ROTC pallbearers from Fort Sam Houston's Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School were in attendance.

The attending contingent may not sound like many, but is a marked difference from only the cemetery workers who would have shown up two years ago.

The Homeless Veterans Burial Program, established in St. Louis in 2002 by Dignity Memorial funeral homes, has been active in San Antonio since 2003. Through the local county medical examiner's office and the Bexar County Veterans Service Office, eligible veterans who are indigent or have no known next

of kin, are identified for proper military burial.

This is the third year Cole cadets have been involved with HVBP.

"Of all the wonderful things our cadets do, I think this is the greatest. It really touches my heart," said Julie Coffey, Cole counselor.

"Participation in the program gives our students a unique perspective into both military life and the difficulties that can arise in adulthood," Cole Principal Dr. Roland Rios added. "We are extremely proud of our cadets' participation in the Homeless Veterans Burial Program."

Cadet participation in the burial ceremonies has an impact beyond simply being a pallbearer.

"It is amazing how quiet the cadets are on the van ride back to school after the services. Tears and shaky voices are not uncommon," said retired Lt. Col. Bob Hoffmann, Cole senior Army instructor. "None of us knew the persons we had just buried, but we all developed a special kindred connection."



Courtesy photo

Junior ROTC pallbearers from Fort Sam Houston's Robert G. Cole High School help provide a proper military burial for local veterans. The cadets are (from left, clockwise) Frank Thompson, Jennifer Gibson, Brent Bentley, Megan Rinehart, Allison Lauten and Todd Bentley. Caitlin Gresenz stands behind the detail.

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Weekly Campus Activities
Monday to Sept. 3

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Sept. 2

Spirit Day

Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School

Volleyball vs. Kennedy at Cole: freshman at 5 p.m., junior varsity at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7 p.m.

Sept. 1

Junior varsity football at St. Anthony, $5\ p.m.$

Sept. 2

Photos for grades 7 to 11 during English classes in gym

Varsity football vs. St. Anthony at Cole, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 3

Senior photos in mall area, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cross country meet Southwest Independent School District Invitational at Southwest High School, TBA

Junior Varsity Volleyball Blanco Tournament at Blanco, 10 a.m.

Fort Sam Houston ISD earns 'Recognized' rating

The new school year for 2005-2006 began Aug. 15; however, Fort Sam Houston Independent School District is still celebrating a successful 2004-2005. In addition to earning a "Recognized" rating on the Texas Public School Accountability System for 2004-2005, the district met the federal standards for "Adequate Yearly Progress."

Fort Sam Houston ISD was one of only three school districts in Bexar County to earn a Recognized rating. Districts in Texas are rated Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable or Academically Unacceptable. Statewide, 27.3 percent of campuses and 14.5 percent of districts achieved an Exemplary or Recognized rating under the more rigorous standards. According to the Texas Education Agency, 61 districts — 19 regular school districts and 42 charter schools — received the state's lowest rating of Academically Unacceptable.

"Our students and staff are working diligently to exceed state and federal standards and continue to raise the bar of academic excellence for all students," said Dr. Gail Siller, superintendent of schools. "We are proud of their efforts and this recognition from both the TEA and the U.S. Department of Education."

To determine ratings, the 2005 accountability rating system used data for the all student, African American, Hispanic, white, and economically disadvantaged student groups on the following base indicators:

- Spring 2005 performance on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills;
- Spring 2005 performance on the State-Developed Alternative Assessment II;
- Completion rate for the class of 2004; and
- 2003-2004 annual dropout rate for grades 7 and 8.

Under the federal evaluation system, AYP standards are based on participation and performance on state reading and math exams for grades 3 to 8 and 10, graduation rates and attendance rates. The passing rates are computed using results from the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills; the State-Developed Alternative Assessment II, the Locally-Developed Alternative Assessment and the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System.

"The majority of Texas schools and school districts earned a good grade on their federal report card; certainly, there remains room for improvement," said Shirley J. Neeley, commissioner of education.

Data is analyzed for all students and each of the following student groups: African American, Hispanic, white, economically disadvantaged, special education and limited English proficient.

According to TEA, 87 percent of Texas school districts made Adequate Yearly Progress under a federal evaluation system that is a key part of the landmark "No Child Left Behind."

(Source: Fort Sam Houston ISD)

KEY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Administration building
Superintendent
Associate superintendent
Business
Technology
Operations (maintenance/transportation)
Fax
Fort Sam Houston Elementary School
Receptionist
Principal
Assistant principal for instruction

Counselor's office	368-8809
Fax	368-8801
Military Special Education Cooperative	368-8771
Fax	368-8776
Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School	368-8730
Receptionist	368-8733
Principal	368-8774
Assistant principal for instruction	368-8742
Assistant principal for student services/attendance	368-8736
Counselor's office	368-8734
Fax	368-8731



Happenings

Single Parent Support Series

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program presents the Single Parent Support Series. The series discusses topics including healthy perceptions of family, parenting skills unique to the single parenting lifestyle, factors influencing single parenting, custody and child support issues, and the impact of separation on children and resources available for single parents and their children. Classes start Sept. 9, and continue every Friday for six weeks from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650, on Patch Road. For more information, call 221-0349 or 221-2418 or visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com. This class is open to all military ID cardholders and Department of Defense civilians.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Day

The Brooke Army Medical Center Urology Clinic will observe Prostate Cancer Awareness Day Sept. 23 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. The event is open to all active duty and retired military over age 40. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call Maria Patterson at 916-3419.

Rainbow kids stay busy

The Rainbow Kids touring and performing arts group is dedicated to presenting professional quality, family style entertainment in a variety of ways. The Rainbow Kids will perform Saturday at 6, 6:50 and 7:30 p.m. at the River City mall (lagoon area) and Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. at the USAA Towers. The Rainbow Kids are sponsored by the Fort Sam Houston Youth Activities under the direction of Ron Joy. For more information, call 348-8014 or 295-2093.

BAMC computer sale

FSM Leasing offers employees and contractors the opportunity to purchase one or more of the IBM computers currently used at Brooke Army Medical Center for \$249 per machine plus \$19.92 sales tax. PCs without monitor can also be purchased for \$199 plus sales tax. Forms of payment are cash, money order, certified checks, credit cards or personal checks. For more information, call Roy Hayes at 916-3577 or Herb Jones at 916-3132.

Glenn Miller Orchestra

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Knights of Columbus will sponsor the world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, to perform in San Antonio to honor war heroes and veterans, past and present. The performance will be at La Villita Assembly Hall Sept. 19. Tickets are \$40. For more information, call 681-4688, 735-5003 or 684-9555.

Palo Alto College scholarships

The Conjunto Music Program at Palo Alto College will offer scholarships, which range from \$500 to \$1,000 per semester, to musicians who successfully pass an audition, enroll at PAC and join the program's performing ensemble. Interested musicians should be proficient as a vocalist or in one or more of the following instruments: button accordion, bajo sexton, bass or drums. Proficiency in other instruments such as the guitar, saxophone, keyboards and percussion will also be considered. Auditions will be conducted through August. For more information, call 531-9505.

Publication seeks war stories

War Stories Journal, a new e-publication produced by S. Daniel Smith, requests stories from current and former members of the armed forces. The quarterly's launch will mark the first journal that tells history from the first-person viewpoint of those who were

there. First-person narratives and photos will depict wartime and peacetime activities. Fiction writing will also be showcased, according to the publisher. Writers can find submission guidelines on the quarterly's Web site at http://sdansmith.tripod.com.

Antonian All-Comers 5K Run

Antonian College Prep High School invites all to the 5K cross country run Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the San Antonio State School. Pre-registration cost is \$15, and race day registration is from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$20. Online registration is available at www.iaapweb.com. For more information, call Jasen Anno at 344-9265 ext. 314 or Jose Iniguez at 558-7828.

ACTS weekend retreat

The St. Anthony Retreat Center will sponsor a weekend retreat for those affected by HIV/AIDS Sept. 22 to 25. Scholarships are available. For more information, call Leroy Perez at 922-2574 or 358-7283.

VFW chili cookoff

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8456 will sponsor a chili cookoff to raise funds for cancer research and other local charities Sept. 17 at 6808 State Highway 123 in Geronimo (between Seguin and San Marcos). For more information, call Bill Owen at (830) 303-9903 or Chris Savage at (830) 660-9809.

Texas Wanderers walk

The Fort Sam Houston Texas Wanderers in association with American Volkssport Association will sponsor a 10K walk at the Guadalupe River State Park and Honey Creek State Natural Area Oct. 15 at 3350 Park Road 31, Spring Branch, Texas. For more information, call Lyn Ward at 651-6536 or David Maple at 221-5554.

Bat boy (girl) opportunity

Kraft Foods will honor military children with its bat boy program. The honorary bat boys (or girls) will receive a Missions cap and special T-shirt, tickets for the family to attend the game, and participate on the field for the opening ceremonies at home games Friday, Saturday or Sunday. To register for bat boy (girl), send a postcard to the San Antonio Missions Baseball Club at Kraft Singles Honorary Bat boy, 5757 Highway 90 West, San Antonio, TX, 78277. For more information, call 221-2307.

Free SeaWorld admissions

Anheuser-Busch adventure parks will salute the men and women of the armed forces and their families throughout 2005 under its "Here's to the Heroes" special. Military members and as many as three direct dependents may enter any one of Anheuser-Busch's SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission. Eligible members can either register online at www.herosalute.com or in the entrance plaza of participating parks, and must show a Department of Defense photo ID. For more information, visit www.herosalute.com.

Professional Development

Free computer training

Family members of active duty military personnel may receive computer training for the job market through the family employment readiness program. Automated, self-paced training is available on all Microsoft Office software (Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint), Windows, Outlook, Quick Books (accounting), customer service, and clerical and typing skills. Typing instructions are also available in Spanish. For more

information, call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

Job search assistance

Employment Readiness Program offers job search assistance to family members. Services include job search, resume writing, interview preparation, skills testing and much more. For more information or to make an appointment, call Jennifer Swiger at 221-0427 or Gabriele Dias at 221-0516. A valid military family member ID card is required for all services.

San Antonio military job fair

The semiannual San Antonio military job fair is Sept. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Road, located at the junction of Interstate Highway 35 and Anderson Loop 1604. There will be more than 100 employers represented. To view a list of participating employers, visit the Army Career and Alumni Program Web site at http://acap.army.mil/acap_centers/Centers/CenterDetail view.cfm. For more information, call the ACAP Center at 221-1213.

Army health care recruiting

A health care professional's greatest calling is to serve the Soldiers that defend our nation's freedom. The U.S. Army offers virtually every health care specialty found in the civilian sector. Call an Army health care recruiter to learn about opportunities for direct commissions, scholarships, internships and residencies at 692-7376 or visit www.healthcare.goarmy.com.

St. Mary's offers master's degree

St. Mary's University would like to offer a master of arts in international relations for personnel at Fort Sam Houston. This 36hour program is currently offered on campus on-line and can be completed in two years. Several concentrations are available: interamerican studies, international conflict resolution, international criminal justice and crime control, and international development studies and security policy. A military tuition grant is offered to active duty military, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and the spouses of these groups. If you are interested in having this program on post, call Judy Olivier at 226-3360, or stop by Building 2248, Room 206.

Volunteer

SAMM volunteer opportunity

San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry, a non-profit organization that runs the largest homeless shelter and transitional housing program in San Antonio, seeks volunteers for its various charity missions. For more information on upcoming projects, call Betty Schwartz at 340-0302, extension 224.

WHMC periodontics seeks patients

The Wilford Hall Medical Center
Department of Periodontics at Lackland Air
Force Base seeks patients with specific needs
for treatment in the periodontics residency
program. Applicants must be a military
retiree, family member of a retiree or family
member of an active duty member and have
been recently determined by a dentist to have
an existing periodontal condition. Eligible
patients must have a written consult from
their referring dentist and can either bring it
to MacKown Dental Clinic or fax it to 2925193. For more information, call 292-7273.

Volunteer ombudsmen needed

The Alamo Area Council of Governments' Alamo and Bexar area agencies on aging are looking for caring individuals to become certified volunteer ombudsmen.

Ombudsmen are advocates for elders' rights.

The ombudsmen programs are composed primarily of volunteers. AACOG staff administers a specialized training program, certified by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, to teach volunteers how to advocate for the elderly in long-term care. For more information, call 362-5226 for Bexar County or 362-5223 for the Alamo Region or visit www.aacog.com/aging.

UFE procedure available

The department of interventional radiology at Wilford Hall Medical Center is accepting patients for nonsurgical treatment of symptomatic uterine fibroids. Uterine artery embolization is a minimally invasive, safe and effective procedure that can be performed for most patients with symptomatic uterine fibroids. People who desire an evaluation should call 292-5262 and ask for Maj. George Leon, Lt. Col. David Condie or Lt. Col. Thomas Seay.

BAMC needs volunteers

Brooke Army Medical Center seeks volunteer drivers for its caremobiles, which transport patients from the BAMC parking lot to the clinic entrance. For more information, call Jessica Veilluex at 916-3862.

Meetings

AMSC Luncheon

The Alamo Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers invites all members and non-members to attend August's luncheon hosted by the Air Force Audit Agency. Guest speaker is Tony Ames, associate director, Air and Space Operations Audits. Topic will be "Auditing in the Central Command Area of Responsibility." Join us at the Brooks Club, Brooks City-Base Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Wayne Wanner at 221-7029.

SMA seeks new members

The Fort Sam Houston Sergeants Major Association meets every third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Sam Houston Club. Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy W. Burke, president of the association, invites active duty and retired command sergeants major, sergeants major and master sergeants on the promotion list from all service branches to the meetings. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Danielle Lewis at 916-4114 or Sgt. Maj. Kyong In Nichols at 221-1266.

USAWOA Lone Star Chapter

The Lone Star Chapter of the United States Army Warrant Officers Association will meet at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at VFW Post #8541, 2222 Austin Highway (between Rittiman and Eisenhauer). All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard and family members of current or former warrant officers are invited to attend. For more information, call Randy Blackburn at 295-2143 or e-mail randy.blackburn@samhouston.army.mil.

Caribbean American Association

San Antonio Caribbean American Association seeks new members. There is a gathering on the last Saturday of each month. For more information, call Master Sgt. Pauline Perry at 221-6913.

BOSS seeks single Soldiers

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The BOSS committee was established to provide Soldiers input to the commander, who uses the committee's recommendations to improve single Soldiers' Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Micaela Reyes at 221-8947.

FORT FREEBIES

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. Commercial advertisements are prohibited. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods and privately owned property, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve component military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate ads will not be published. To submit paid classified ads or commercial advertising, call Prime Time at 453-3300. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail to news.leader@samhouston.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Ensure your military and Fort Sam Houston civil service status, phone number and name appear on request. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. There is a two-week maximum and a limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-1031.

For Sale: Kenwood home stereo rack system, amp, EQ, double cassette, six-disc, tuner, with two 12-inch Cerwin Wega tower subs, must sell, paid \$2,000, asking \$600 obo. Call 467-5835.

For Sale: 1982 Chevy Silverado, 4WD, one ton, 8-inch lift, 38 1/2-inch tires, dana 60 and 70, 456 gears, rebuilt engine, transmission, transfer case, new headers and flowmaster exhaust system, \$6,500 obo. Call 394-3210 or (830) 665-2508.

For Sale: 2003 Chevy Impala, must sell, one owner, sandstone with beige interior, 25 to 30 mpg, a/c, 69,000 miles, new brake pads and tires at 50,000 miles, all power, AM/FM/cassette, \$8,500, negotiable. Call 545-7552.

For Sale: One-year-old Lay Z Boy tan leather recliner, brand new condition, paid

\$600 will sell for \$350; 32-inch chimenea with stand, \$25. Call 490-5240 or 213-2182.

For Sale: 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix SE, four-door, auto, a/c, loaded, power locks, seat, windows, mirrors, cruise, keyless, security system, tint windows, anti-lock brake system, alloy wheels, silver color, great condition, 54,000 miles, \$8,700 obo. Call 412-6422.

For Sale: Triton Le full-size electronic keyboard, \$1,300; Signet wooden clarinet, \$100; Frigidaire upright freezer, \$150; oak table with six chairs, \$100; 1991 Jeep Sport Cherokee, 145,000 miles, runs great, super air conditioning, \$1,500. Call 595-8602 or 381-0235.

For Sale: Brand new Auto Craft Titanium auto battery for Escort or similar auto, 763 cranking amps, \$60. Call 313-3538.

For Sale: 1991 Fleetwood Flair Class A

motor home, looks new, Ford 460 engine, four new tires, great condition, sleeps six, 26 feet and 10 inches long, \$12,000 obo; 2001 Ford Windstar with extended warranty, 70,000 miles, V-6, automatic, front and rear a/c, roof rack, everything works, \$7,500 obo; fresh figs. Call 673-9649.

For Sale: 1994 Toyota Camry, 94,000 miles, everything works, a/c, new radiator, radio, \$2,800 obo. Call Mike Brown at 659-8593.

For Sale: 2001 Lazy Daze Class C RV, top of the line in Class C RVs, self-contained, excellent condition, with satellite dish, 18,000 miles, \$45,000. Call 599-7146.

For Sale: Two-piece dining room hutch, base with drawers and glass enclosed top, \$350; roll-top desk, with side drawers, \$85; five-piece bedroom set, includes double-size head-board, night stand, chest of drawers, triple dress-

er, mirror with shelf unit, \$400; Bentwood rocking chair, \$25. Call 495-2296 or 286-2349.

For Sale: Sleeper sofa, full-size, excellent condition, beige upholstery, \$100. Call 822-7900.

For Sale: Graco double stroller dual glider, \$20; Radio Flyer wooden classic Tiny Trike, \$10; Fisher Price Stride to Ride walker, \$8; wooden rocking horse, \$10. Call 824-4770.

For Sale: Daschund puppies, males and females, have shots, \$150 and \$175. Call 661-4884

Free: Two-year-old short-haired, white with black markings cat, good with other pets and children; kitten, white with gray markings, medium hair, very cute and litter box trained; kitten, tiger markings, short-haired, very cute and playful, litter box trained. Call Bonnie at 822-6619.